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NIO/W Contribution to the DCI Watch CommitteeIsrael

--The death of President-elect Jumayyil and the consequent danger of serious fighting among rival Lebanese factions are likely to move the Begin government closer to forcing an early confrontation with PLO and Syrian troops in northern and eastern Lebanon. Israeli charges of Syrian and Palestinian cease-fire violations and warnings that a war of attrition will not be tolerated are designed to establish a justification for expelling them from Lebanon.

--The Israelis are increasingly frustrated that the expulsion of the PLO from West Beirut has not diminished the PLO's political stature. Arafat's reception by the Pope and the return of senior PLO officials to Lebanon have heightened Israeli concern.

25X1 --Israeli public complaints that President Reagan's proposals deviate from the Camp David accords and private comments that Israeli assessments of Egyptian policy and President Mubarak's hold on power have changed recently also suggest that the government is considering strong political and military initiatives to

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Poland

--The attack on a police convoy in Wroclaw, protest marches in Nowa Huta, and incidents in other cities on 13 September underscore the volatile atmosphere following the suppression of mass demonstrations on 31 August.

--Pravda's subsequent warning that the Polish party has proved effective only when it cooperated with Soviet Communists and accepted their criticism suggests that Moscow is applying stronger pressure on the Jaruzelski regime for stern action to repress dissent.

El Salvador

--Claims by a captured insurgent leader that the guerrillas are planning large offensives within the next few months and may soon increase activity around the capital probably reflect their assessment that growing disunity in the government and military will provide new opportunities to force the government to negotiate.

Ethiopia-Somalia

--Ethiopia's reinforcement of border villages occupied by Somali dissidents in July and its decision to increase military aid to a dissident group in northern Somalia raise the possibility that Addis Ababa plans to renew limited efforts to foment unrest and military mutinies within Somalia. The Ethiopians may believe it is necessary to move before President Siad's position is further strengthened by US military assistance.

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